policy on the storage and distribution of grains for domestic purpose and Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether detailed studies would be conducted before implementing the new grain export policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As per extant EXIM Policy, export of foodgrains is free. The export of foodgrains is facilitated by reimbursing certain WTO admissible costs on account of marketing and transport out of stocks held by FCI for the Central Pool.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Export and Import

†1234. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export from the country and import in to the country have continuously increased during the last years;

(b) if so, the import and export in terms of value during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the value of import and export of petroleum products during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) After attaining a growth rate of 21% (in dollar terms) in 2000-01, the highest since 1990-91, India's exports declined by 1.6% during 2001-02. Exports again grew by 20.29% in 2002-03. Imports grew by 1.7% in 2000-01 & 2001-02 and 19.45% in 2002-03 in dollar terms. The export and import values in dollar terms, during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(US$ Million)

Year	Exports	Imports
2000-01	44560	50536
2001-02	43827	51413
2002-03	52719	61412

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(c) The value of import and export of petroleum products in dollar terms during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is as under:

(US$ Million)

Year	Petroleum Products Exports	Petroleum Imports
2000-01	1892.43	15650.09
2001-02	2119.14	14000.25
2002-03	2421.40	17639.52

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

Import of life saving medicines

1235. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have struck a deal with WTO allowing India to import life saving medicines to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and other epidemics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the duty structure on these life saving drugs has been decided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The